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COUNCIL TO PROBE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Special Committee of Seven to Investigate City System.

WHARF CONTRACT IS APPROVED

Councilman Mills Puts Through Proposition for Charter Change Looking to General Referendum-Separate Trials to Be Given Minors-Employ Probation Officers.

hmond Hotel for permission to marquise over the sidewalk of treet was tabled. Juvenile Delinquents. ecommendation of the Finance tee, the Council adopted the

No Rent for Two Years,
The Finance Committee rejected the
petition of the Virginia State Fair
Association for refund of \$2,840.70 excess cost on the administration building over and above the city appropriation, the Fair Association having agreed to provide such excess cost when the building was erected. Mr. Hichards stated that the Fair Association had not paid the city any rent for the past two years, and Mr. Mills asked why someholy had not made an asked why somebody had not made an effort to collect the interest on the bonds of the Fair Association, stating

bonds of the Fair Association, stating that the association was making "barrels of monoy," and should live up to its financial agreement with the city to pay 4 per cent. on the cost of the ground belonging to the city.

The resolution was recommended, with the request that the Finance Committee take stops to collect the back interest. James J. Oreamer, deputy inspector of gas, was given a furiough of sixty days, without pay from lough of sixty days, without pay, January 10, having been elected a

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Pollution of River.

On recommendation of the Water Committee a resolution was adopted requesting general legislation to prevent the pollution of rivers by pulp mills. Chairman Mills stated that it cost Richmond from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year for clarification of river water from the discoloration caused by the paper mills.

DEMAND ABDICATION

Chinese Rebels Are Firm for Establishment of Republic.

Shanghal, December 7.—The provinces of Kwang Tung, Kiang-Su, Kiang-Si, Fu-Kien and Hu-Peh will not accept less than the Emperor's abdication. They have decided upon the establishment of a republic. Kwang Tung announces that it will Femain independent even if the other provinces consent to a limited monarcha. The Kwang-Tung delegates now here assert that General Li well knows the majority opposes a limited monarchy and does not trust Yuan Shi Kai, and that the Wu-Chang conference with Tang Shao Yi will prove fruitless.

Delegates from Kiang-Su, Che-Kiang and Kwang-Tung have declined to Join any peace conference based on the preservation of the Manchu dynasty. Nevertheless, they are awaiting General Lis conference with Tang Shao Yi before calling a national conference at Nanking, because it is believed possible that Yuan Shi Kai, finding the retention of the Emperor hopeless, will yield and Join the republican movement.

The republican military authorities announce that the next move will be on Peking. They are now arranging for transports.

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The leaders here assert that Premier Yuan has succeeded in winning and a president has been selected and the organization of the provisional government completed, all the minor states, as well as Sze-Chuen, Hu-Nan and Shang-Tung, will promptly join the federation. They say they have assurances of ample funds the moment the provisional republican government is organized.

Will Accept Monarchy.

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HE'S NOT A CANDIDATE

TENDERS TENTATIVE JURY

Chicago, December 7.—Attorneys for the government late to-day tendered a tentative jury of twelve men to counsel for the indicated packers in United States District Judge George A. Carpenter's court, after less than tenhours of actual court assions. Tomorrow, counsel for the packers will begin examination of the tentative jurors, seven of whom are farmers. When court adjourned to-day Attorney James M. Sheesin, of special counsel for the government, flad questloned forty-two veniremen. Twenty were experemptorily challenged. The government still has the right of twenty additional peremptory challenges, while

FORTUNE IN WOODEN LEG

REVOLVERS GIVEN WOMEN

Accorded Permission to Shoot Night Marauders in Chicago Suburhs. Chicago, December 7.—If highway robbers believe with Kipling that "the female of the specios is more deadly than the male" they will do well to stay away from suburban towns south of Chicago

The men's vigilance committees of the men's vigilance committees of the towns last night gave the woman residents authority to carry revolvers and wear constable stars, and, if possible, make arrests of robbers. They are given full permission to shoot night marauders.

MAKING GOOD ROADS

Business Men and Farmers Ply Skovel and Pick.

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Junction City, Kan., December 7.—
One hundred business men of this town made a practical demonstration for good roads when they left their offices and stores and put in a day with shovels and picks yesterday, Assisted by their clerks and by farmers, who turned out with their hired men, they began the improvement of several highways of the county, At the ond of the day's toil 100 miles of new-ly-graded roads stood to their credit.

Virginia Postmasters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 7.—

President Taft to-day sent the following nominations of Virginia postmasters to the Senate for confirmation: Thomas C. Bunting, Exmore Robert A McClure Gordonsyllie and paper mills.

The Vonderlehr ordinance requesting the General Assembly to amend the city if it so desires, to establish workhouses within or without the city, was adopted.

The resolution for a special committee of seven to investigate the public school system was adopted, it being stated that certain supervisors were paid far in excess of their value, that the curriculum is not what it should be, and that there was need for more practical and efficient training in the elementary branches, with lack of har and the composition of the composition of the composition of the control of the

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Queen-Empress Are Royally Received.

HOLIDAY TAKEN BY ALL INDIA

Spectacle Is One of Splendor, in Which Gorgeous Costumes and Brilliant Display of Jewels Prevail-Great Crowds of Picturesque Humanity Are Everywhere.

of an imperial salute of 101 guns wel-

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the camp the troops defled past the imperial carriage, receptions followed, and the King-Emperor was presented with a brief address of welcome, to which he replied in a few words.

Occupy Famous House.

Their Majestles and the vice-regal party then repaired to their camp, of which Circuit House, built by Lord Curzon in 1903, is the centre.

The vast camp stretches along the Great Trunk road in long, symmetrical rows of white tents, almost blinding in the vertical Indian sun, while the whole place when Their Majestles entered blazed with the bright hues of the East.

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Crowds of picturesque humanity,
from the rajah in his silks to the halfnaked wallah, gathered to welcome
their Emperor, and they formed a per-

their Emperor, and they formed a perfect picture. Mingling with them were bejeweled Indian princes, army and administrative officers, native and British private soldiers, and large numbers of foreign tourists.

The ancient bullock cart, the smartest modern carriage, the powerful motor car, the richly caparisoned elephant and the blooded horse added variety.

Entertain in Canvas Hails.

Very little trace was to be found of the various fires which have recently caused havee in the camp.

The Emperor's tent does not differ greatly in appearance from the others. greatly in appearance from the others. Internally, however, it is palatial. Great canvas halls stand nearby for

official receptions and banquets.

About 250,000 persons have taken up their quarters in the canvascity, which is broken up by green lawns, polo grounds, fountains and avenues of trees.

Throughout the morning the coming and going of great dignitaries continued, and the throngs of natives kept their positions patiently, anxious to get another sight of their Emperor and

Conspiracy in Micaragua.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, December 7.—A revolutionary conspiracy has been discovered in several departments. Strict precautions have been taken. A number of arrests have been made.

SCENES OF POMP PERSIA'S APPEAL PEACE IS KEYNOTE IS READ IN HOUSE OF TAFT'S MESSAGI

King-Emperor and Aid Asked for Preserva- He Hopes for Success tion of Its Independence.

INNOCENT OF ANY AGGRESSIVE ACT

Country Threatened by Russia Pleads for Assistance in Its Hour of Grave Danger; Various Congressional Investigations Now Are in Full Swing.

dence, was read to-day in the House of Representatives. It asked ald con-sistent with Persia's independence. The appeal, a cablegram in French from Teheran, was read in that lan-guage by Representative Estopinal, of Louisiana, who later read the transla-tion in English. The appeal was re-ferred to the Foreign Affairs Commit-

"The ultimatum of the Russian government, threatening our independence having been rejected with one according to the which, jealous of its its

Contests for Seats.

Washington, December 7.—The perennial contests for seats of representatives is on before the House Elections
Committee. Notices of contests in
eight districts were read in the House
to-day and referred to the committee. to-day and referred to the committee. The contests are: Missouri, Charles J. Mauriler, Democrat, against Richargi Bartholt, Republican, Tenth District; Patrick F. Gill, Democrat, against Theron E. Call, Republican, Eleventh District; T. E. Rice, Democrat, against L. C. Dyer, Republican, all St. Louis districts.

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districts.

Pennsylvania—F. K. Swinns, against
T. K. Easton, and William Penn Parties,
against G. O. Demarcy, Republican,
Sixth Philadelphia; George R. McLean,
Pennsylvania Against Charles Calvis Rev.

Sixth Philadelphia: George R. McLean. Democrat, against Charles Calvin Bowman, Republican, Eleventh District.
Connecticut—Raymond J. Jodoin, against Edwin Whiggins, Republican, Third District.
Iowa—D. D. Murphy, against Gilbert N. Haugen, Insurgent Republican, West Virginia—Franklin Wiley, Democrat, against James A. Hughes, Republican, Fifth District.

New Story of Extortion New Story of Extortion.

Washington, December 7.—George Gloss, a Chicago motorman, who was indicted for perjury for testimony given during the second Lee O'Neil Browne bribery trial in Chicago, enlivened the Lorimer seniatorial investing ating committee to-day with a new story of the alleged plans of Charles A. White for extorting money from Lorimer and Browne.

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Gloss testified that Frank Seems, also a motorman and confidants of White's, had told him that he (Seems) and White were preparing a story for the suppression of which they expected to make Senator Lorimer pay Seems declared, according to Gloss, that White would get \$150,000 for it or compromise on \$75,000. He said Seems had welstered that Ed Wright, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, had promised to take White to a newspaper which would buy the story.

story,

Members of the committee ques-tioned Gloss closely and developed that when he had been indicted he had free counsel fees and ball bonds. Gloss was

of the Arbitration Treaties.

BORDER PATROL IS EXPLAINED

Tells Congress Why Troops Were Rushed to Texas During Mexican Outbreak-Negotiations With Other Countries of the World Are Reviewed.

financiers figured.

"White safeguarding the interest of our nationals," says the President. "this government is using its best efforts in continuance of its traditional policy of sympathy and friendship toward the Chinese Empire and its people, with the confident hope for their economic and administrative development, and with the constant disposition to contribute to their welfare in all proper ways consistent with an attitude of strict impartiality as between contending factions."

Pan-American Union Lauded.

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Republics), especially in the way of promoting peace.

The message deplores the war between Italy and Turkey, but it way with satisfaction that Mr. Taft called attention to the fact that it could in no wise embroil the United States.

Attention is called to the work of the opium commission now sitting at The Hague, which is trying to curtail traffic in dangerous drugs, and it is pointed out that the trade of the United States is constantly growing. Exports of the United States for the thisal year ending June 30, 1911, wore over \$2.00,000,000, ag gain of \$300,000,000 over those of the previous year.

President Taft says there is a crying need for an American merchant ma-

BRIEF VISIT ENDS

Disguised as Decrepit Mnn, Reyes Re-

GRAVE AND A PRISON

BROWN SWEPT STATE

Scores Easy Victory in Georgia's Gu-bernatorial Primary.

EMBALMED ON TRAIN

RUSSO-FRENCH ENTENTE

RECREANT TO HIGH IDEALS OF LABOR

Federation Committee Brands McNamaras as Disgrace to Cause.

WILL WELCOME INVESTIGATION

Any Knowledge of Crimes Committed Vehemently Disclaimed, but Dynamiting Is Partly Condoned - McManigal Is Telling His Story to Grand Jury.

PORTER GOES MAD

Slashes Girls With Hazer and Empties Two Hevelvers.

New York, December 7.—Tony Meggio, a porter, went mad at his work this afternoon, five stories up in a paper hox factory in Wooster Street. Sixty young women were working around him when the change came. One he slashed with a razor: another he shot in the head, and into the word work about the rest he sent the contents of two revolvers. With the last cartridge he killed himself.

Tony's victims are Laura Sampino, nineteen; her cheeks bear the slashes of his razor; and Cella Gebhart, sixteen. Miss Gebhart's wound is not believed to be mortal.

Saunders in Speaker's Chair.

[Special to right wrongs or to attain rights.

Kiduapping Condemned.

While not defending the crime of the Menamaras, who, they say, "were arrectan." In the method of arrest they ind 'high-handed irregularity and 'high-handed irregularity and reserved verticized. Organized labor properly expressed its condemnation of violence on hearing of the Los of violence in the december of the case, is a surfer of the mire of violence on hearing of the Los of violence in the complex of the case, is a surfer of two revolvers. With the last cartridge he killed himself.

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[Speaker Champ Clark to-day compilmented a member of the Virginia delegation in the House when he invited Congressman Saunders to take the chair while he repaired below and lunched.

Mr. Saunders had the job for some time, however, inasmuch as Speaker Clark found the Western Governors walling to see him. For that reason walling to see him.

President Taft says there is a crying need for an American merchant marine, and again asks Congress to grant a subsidy that a merchant marine service may be built up. President Taft announces that Ambassador Curtis Guild, at St. Peters burg, has been directed to negotiate with the Russian government for a (Continued on Sixth Page.)

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RUSSO-FRENCH ENTENTE the President declared that this country was merely following out a policy of respecting the contemporaneous recognized constitutional authority in Mexico. President Taft also voiced his pleasure that war had been probably averted by the United States in acting as mediator in a boundry dispute between Costa Ria and Panama. The Disturbances in China. The Disturbances in China. The message touches lightly upon the revolution in China, in references to loans for railroad construction and currency reform, in which American financiers figured. "While safeguarding the interest of our nationals," says the President, "this government is using its best efforts in continuance of its traditional policy of sympathy and friendship toward. PUSSO-FRENCH ENTENTE RUSSO-FRENCH ENTENTE The Paris. Paris. December 7.—The visit of the Russian foreign minister. Sergius Salution of the Russian proposition to the Russian proposition to the Russian proposition to Turkey that the Durdanelles to sound that M. Sazonoff also wishes to sound that M. Sazonoff also wishes